

SUBJECT GROUP 13000-13099 GENERAL

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13000.1 General

a. Operation of Aircraft Engines Aboard Ships in Hampton Roads Area. Ships at anchor at the discretion of the commanding officer may perform the operation of aircraft engines. The operation of aircraft engines on ships berthed at NAVSTA Norfolk and NAVPHIBASE Little Creek piers may be accomplished during daylight hours daily except Sundays and holidays. NAVSTA Norfolk/NAVPHIBASE Little Creek under conditions of operational necessity may grant exceptions to this restriction. Pierside aircraft maintenance turns are not authorized at NAVSHIPYD Norfolk Convenience Berths or WPNSTA Yorktown.

b. Flight Operations

(1) At Anchor. Ships at anchor at their discretion may conduct Helicopter/Harrier operations provided the landing pattern direction and altitude does not cause excessive noise over populated areas. Additionally, ships at anchor in Lynnhaven Anchorage controlled by NAVPHIBASE Little Creek must coordinate with Norfolk International Airport through Little Creek Port Control on VHF Channel 12.

(2) Pierside Flight Operations. Pierside flight operations are not authorized at NAVPHIBASE Little Creek, NAVSHIPYD Norfolk Convenience Berths, and at WPNSTA Yorktown. At NAVSTA Norfolk, specific authorization must be obtained through the Port Operations Officer to conduct Helicopter-Harrier operations on ships berthed at the piers. If the flight operations do not conflict with previously scheduled evolutions, permission is normally granted for ships fitted with helicopter platforms to conduct Helicopter-Harrier operations at Piers 5; 20 (South side); 21 (seaward end); 23 (North side, seaward end); 25 (North side); 7; 10 (North side); 11 and 12. Helicopter-Harrier operations will not be authorized at any other berths except in unusual cases and then only based upon operational necessity. Consideration must be given to ship congestion, weather and wind conditions. Obstruction clearance for an approach and wave-off must be available in all cases. All approaches and departures must be made from and to the sea. Flight over land shall be kept to a minimum and only after coordination with Chambers Field Tower Air Traffic Control.

(a) Ships must be moored outboard if in a nest, bow in, and no ships astern.

(b) The ship scheduling flight operations will originate a request message using the following format:

FM USS \_\_\_\_\_

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TO NAVSTA NORFOLK VA//PM PORT OPS/00/N3//  
INFO COMNAVREG MIDLANT NORFOLK VA//N301//  
SOPA NORFOLK SUBAREA VA  
COMREGSUPPGRU NORFOLK VA//NK30//  
NAS OCEANA AIR DET NORFOLK VA//N3//  
UNCLAS //NO3170//  
MSGID/GENADMIN/(ORIGINATOR)//  
SUBJ: SHIPBOARD FLIGHT OPERATIONS//  
RMKS/1. TIME OF INTENDED TAKE OFF/LANDING  
2. TYPE OF AIRCRAFT  
3. A/C SQUADRON/DETACHMENT  
4. SHIP LOCATION  
5. FREQUENCIES TO BE USED  
6. POINT OF CONTACT (NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER)//

(c) Maximum notification time is required and the action addressee must receive the message no less than 36 hours prior to the planned time of the evolution. Authorization will be received from NAVSTA Norfolk (through the Port Operations Officer).

(d) The installation fire department must be notified 15 minutes prior to conducting flight operations.

(e) Ordnance handling evolutions and flight operations will not be scheduled simultaneously.

(f) All petroleum products handling at the berth involved and adjacent berths (across pier) will cease for the duration of flight operations. Fuel hoses need not be disconnected.

(g) Ships moored in the same nest will be alerted prior to the start of flight operations and stand by to provide assistance as needed.

(h) In no case will shipboard flight operations at the piers be authorized if the aircraft is carrying live ordnance.

(i) The following UHF frequencies are authorized for use between the aircraft and the ship for coordination of landing/take off at NAVSTA Norfolk Piers, all voice (6A3) emission: 380.4 (heliport tower), 312.4 (heliport ground control), 340.2 (Chambers Tower). Prior to lift or entering the Airport Control Zone the aircraft will contact the Chambers Field tower on 340.2MhZ/124.3MhZ.

(3) Flight Operations Ashore. The designated and equipped heliports should be used for routine helicopter operations. Contact Chambers Field Tower for NAVSTA Norfolk. At NAVPHIBASE Little Creek, NAVSHIPYD Norfolk, and WPNSTA Yorktown, contact the CDO.